is a promise by the Government to this House that this matter is under consideration, may I know whether this question has been followed up by the Government, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know, Sir, what promise was given in this House. But so far as the college lecturers are concerned, the managements also should realise their responsibility and see what they could do by way of giving relief to the teachers and lecturers.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government prepared to share their portion if the managements come forward to grant it?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know, Sir, what the Government's liability would be. If the managements take up the proposal and come to the Government, the Government can look into it.

DR. H. V. HANDE : Has the University Grants Commission allotted any grant towards this, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : I do not know whether the University Grants Commission allots any grant towards house rent allowance?

T.S.L.C. Examination

* 93 *Q*.—SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the T.S.L.C. examination for the Non-Basic Course is held twice a year (March and September):

(*b*) whether it is a fact that only one examination is held in a year in the case of Basic Course; and

(*c*) if so, whether there is any proposal to have the examination twice a year for the Basic Course also?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) Yes;

(*b*) yes.

(*c*) No.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know the year or years during which the basic examinations were held twice, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Basic 1961 and Basic 1955 were *Ad hoc* schemes. These are the schemes for which examinations were held.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : May I know, Sir, whether examinations are held twice a year in respect of the basic T.S.L.C. Course?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : No, Sir.

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SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : What is the reason for not holding it as in the case of the non-basic, Sir?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : The question papers run into several pages. They are of the short answer type. The volume of work involved in setting the question papers and printing them and the cost involved in conducting the examinations is considerable. Therefore, it is not considered advisable to have the examinations twice.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Are the Government aware that for want of the second examination, the pupils have to waste another entire year and thus their man-power and intellectual power are being wasted?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : They need not waste their time. They could also study and come out as better teachers, if they would study during this period.

திரு. எம். சங்கரலிங்கம் பிள்ளை : தலைவர் அவர்களே, ஆசிரியர்கள் நெருக்கடி இருப்பதை முன்னிட்டு, அவர்களுக்கும் இரண்டு முறை பரீட்சை வைப்பதற்கு அரசாங்கம் முயற்சிக்குமா?

கனம் திரு. எம். பக்தவத்சலம் : இதெல்லாம் அரசாங்கத்தின் பரிசீலனையில் இருந்துவருகிற விஷயம். இந்தப் பரீட்சை இரண்டு முறை வைக்க வேண்டியதில்லை என்று அரசாங்கம் கருதுகிறது.

SRI G. KRISHNAMOORTHY : Have the Government examined the question of increasing the examination fees, if necessary, to meet the cost?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : Sir, the Government have not considered that question.

S.S.L.C. Public Examination

* 94 *Q.*—SRI S. K. SAMBANDHAN : Will the Hon. the Chief Minister be pleased to state—

(*a*) the time schedule within which answer papers of S.S.L.C. Public examination will have to be sent to the examiners for correction;

(*b*) the time given for each examiner for the return of answer papers and the number of answer papers to each examiner;

(*c*) whether the same has been followed for the academic year 1964–65; and

(*d*) if not, the reasons therefor?

THT HON. SRI M. BRAKTAVATSALAM' (*a*) to (*d*) Details cannot be disclosed in the public interest.

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